STUDENTS FINANCE BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 1983

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March, 1984

To His Honour
Frank Lynch-Staunton
Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Alberta

Sir:

I have the honour to transmit the Annual Report of the Students Finance Board for the period from April 1, 1982 to March 31, 1983.

I remain, Sir, your obedient servant

Dick Johnston
Minister of Advanced Education

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REPORT OF THE STUDENTS FINANCE BOARD

We have the honour to submit the Annual Report for the year ending March 31, 1983.

During this period, there was a dramatic increase in the number of post-secondary students being assisted by the Students Finance Board. The total number of students assisted by the Board under need-based programs increased to 30,241 from 19,326 students assisted during the previous reporting period.

With the approval of amendments to the Students Finance Regulations, provision was made for the following:

1. An increase in the maximum value of Ukrainian Language Development Grants from $1,000 to $2,000;

2. An increase in the maximum value of Alberta Educational Opportunity Equalization Grants from $1,800 to $2,000;

3. An increase in the maximum value of Premier's Scholarships from $7,000 to $8,000 plus tuition, books and supplies, one return trip and research funds; and

4. An increase in the value of graduate scholarships from $6,800 to $7,200, and graduate fellowships from $7,800 to $8,400.

In the spring of 1982 the Students Finance Board met with awards officers and representatives of students' organizations. These annual meetings provide an opportunity for the discussion of financial issues pertinent to post-secondary students throughout the province.

In addition, the Board continued to be responsible for the administration of the Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund. In this regard, policies were reviewed, appropriate regulation and policy changes were recommended and selection committee recommendations were approved by the Board. During this period, under the Alberta Heritage Scholarship program, 5,701 recipients received awards totalling $8,625,709.

The Students Finance Board would like to acknowledge and express appreciation to those Albertans who have served on the various committees of the Board throughout the 1982/83 year.

Respectfully submitted,

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D. O'Leary
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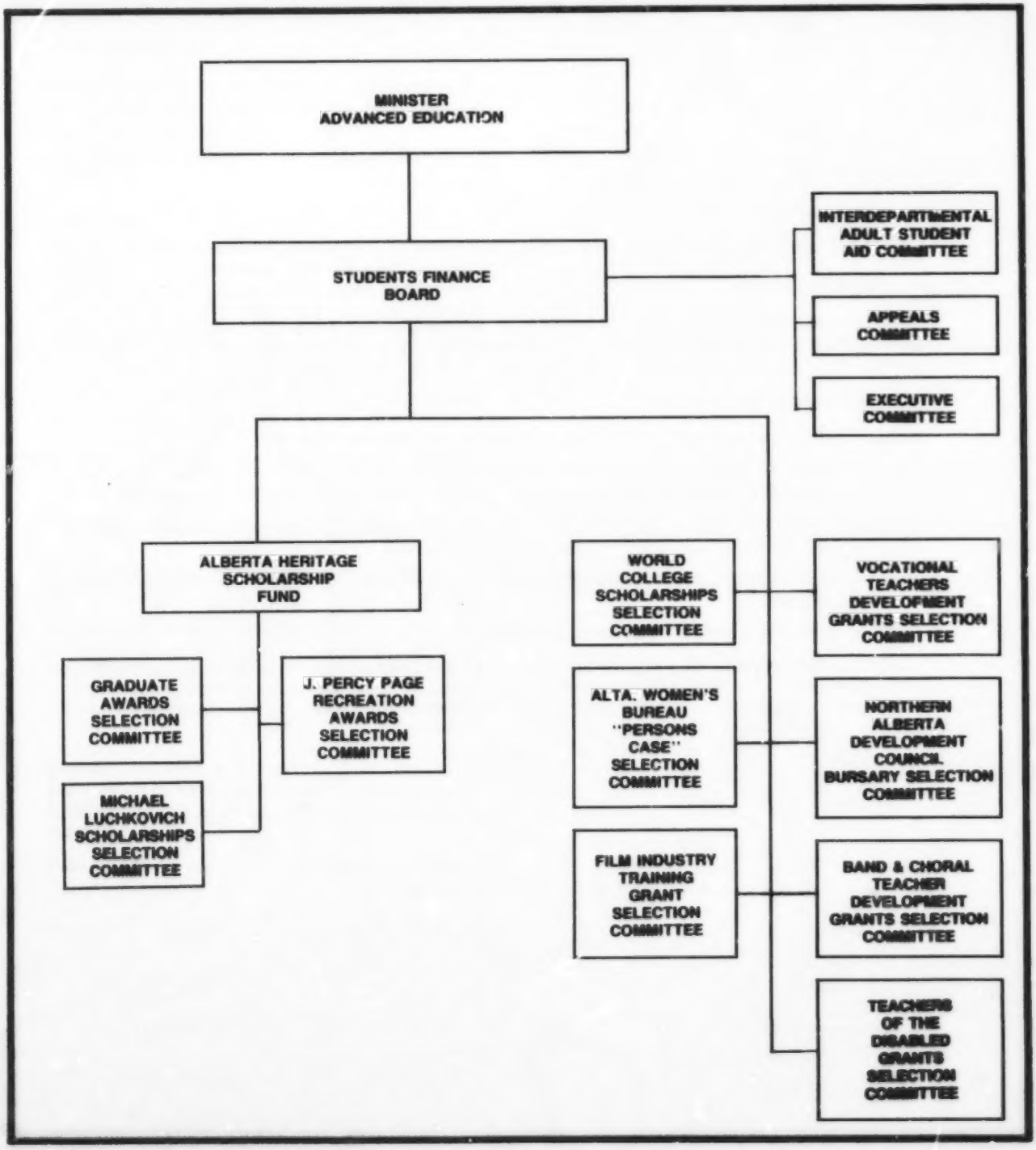
STUDENTS FINANCE BOARD
Organization Chart
1 April 1983

STUDENTS FINANCE BOARD
Committees
1 April 1983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STUDENTS FINANCE BOARD
INTERDEPARTMENTAL ADULT STUDENT AID COMMITTEE
APPEALS COMMITTEE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
ALBERTA HERITAGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND
GRADUATE AWARDS SELECTION COMMITTEE
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MICHAEL LUCHKOVICH SCHOLARSHIPS SELECTION COMMITTEE
WORLD COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS SELECTION COMMITTEE
ALTA. WOMEN'S BUREAU "PERSONS CASE" SELECTION COMMITTEE
FILM INDUSTRY TRAINING GRANT SELECTION COMMITTEE
VOCATIONAL TEACHERS DEVELOPMENT GRANTS SELECTION COMMITTEE
NORTHERN ALBERTA DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL BURSARY SELECTION COMMITTEE
BAND & CHORAL TEACHER DEVELOPMENT GRANTS SELECTION COMMITTEE
TEACHERS OF THE DISABLED GRANTS SELECTION COMMITTEE

PROGRAM SUPPORT SERVICES

STAFF

The Students Finance Board employs a total of 71 staff members; 58 in the Edmonton office and 13 in the Calgary office.

AWARD ASSESSMENT

In 1982/83, 91,665 awards were approved by the Board under all programs, for a total of $120,373,217.

LOANS ADMINISTRATION

During the reporting period, $5,655,414 was paid to credit institutions in the province under the interest payment provisions of the Students Loan Guarantee Act. Under the guarantee implementation provision of the Students Loan Guarantee Act, $1,447,610 was paid to credit institutions.

COUNSELLING SERVICES

The Board offers a wide range of counselling services including:

1. Dissemination of information to students concerning their eligibility under the student assistance programs administered by the Board, and by other government departments and agencies;
2. Research and resolution of problems and appeals associated with residency requirements, independence, parental contribution and out-of-province study;
3. Monitoring of academic performance and debt levels to ensure that students' indebtedness is not burdensome; and
4. Offering of financial budget counselling for students.

More than 2,000 students were interviewed by the counselling staff of the Edmonton and Calgary offices in 1982/83. During the same period the counselling staff visited 66 secondary schools throughout the province to provide information about financial assistance available to students planning post-secondary studies.

PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
AWARDS

GUARANTEED STUDENT LOANS (See Appendix 1)		1980/81	1981/82	1982/83
Implemented by the province in 1969 to supplement the assistance available to Alberta students under the Canada Student Loans Program.				
	Students Assisted	9,878	12,468	23,495
	Loans Issued	$13,299,248	$19,172,316	$37,450,333
REMISSION				
The Remission Program was implemented by the province in 1971. Remission is that amount of money the province may repay on the student's behalf when the student has completed his/her course of study. Generally the province repays 50 per cent of all funds borrowed during the first year of study, 40 per cent of all funds borrowed during the second year, and 25 per cent of all funds borrowed in subsequent years of study. Remission payments are made by the province after the student graduates, and are applied to the student's outstanding loan obligations.				
	Students Assisted	13,093	15,783	26,855
	Remission Awarded	$ 8,487,314	$12,743,698	$23,339,624
	Remission Expenditure	$ 4,105,967	$ 4,388,656	$6,634,859
SCHOLARSHIPS, BURSARIES, GRANTS, AND PRIZES				
Province of Alberta Scholarships Awarded to undergraduate students who have achieved an average of not less than 80 per cent.				
Value: $150	Students Assisted	2,920	1,357	1,318
	Expenditure	$ 437,900	$ 204,450	$ 197,700
Province of Alberta Prizes Awarded to students registered in diploma or certificate programs at public colleges or institutes of technology.				
Value: $150	Students Assisted	802	916	996
	Expenditure	$ 120,300	$ 137,250	$ 149,400

		1980/81	1981/82	1982/83
Graduate Scholarships and Fellowships				
Awarded to Canadian citizens or permanent residents who are registered as full-time students in graduate studies at the University of Alberta or the University of Calgary.				
Value: Scholarships: $7,200	Students Assisted	100	133	130
Fellowships: $8,400	Expenditure	$ 536,693	$ 548,863	$ 626,830
World College Scholarships				
Provide two years of study at the United World Colleges to deserving Alberta high school students who have completed grade II. A total of four new scholarships are awarded each year under this program. One is for study at the World College of the Atlantic and three are for study at the Lester B. Pearson College of the Pacific.				
Value: Up to $10,000 per year	Students Assisted	8	8	8
	Expenditure	$ 80,000	$ 79,559	$ 80,196
Banff Centre Bursaries				
Awarded to students enrolled in visual and performing arts programs at the Banff Centre for Continuing Education. These are awarded on the basis of financial need and past achievement in the subject matter being studied.				
Value: cost of tuition	Students Assisted	30	30	29
	Expenditure	$ 9,000	$ 14,980	$ 14,790
High School Bursaries				
Awarded to junior and senior high school students on the basis of need.				
Value: Up to $300	Students Assisted	647	535	627
	Expenditure	$ 96,089	$ 70,924	$ 88,050
Adult High School Grants				
Awarded to adult high school students according to need and in conjunction with student loan assistance.				
Value: Up to $600	Students Assisted	5	10	22
	Expenditure	$ 3,000	$ 5,370	$ 9,885
Education of Servicemen's Children Bursaries				
Awarded to the children of disabled war veterans in order to assist them in meeting their educational costs in grades 9 to 12 inclusive.				
Value: Up to $300	Students Assisted	20	34	20
	Expenditure	$ 3,055	$ 2,500	$ 2,927
Part-Time Bursaries				
Awarded to students on the basis of need in order to cover the cost of tuition, books and materials, transportation, and child care costs.				
Value: $300 per academic term	Students Assisted	53	127	526
	Expenditure	$ 12,622	$ 32,757	$ 125,237

		1980/81	1981/82	1982/83
Grants for Disabled Persons				
Grants are provided to students who are physically or mentally disabled and who, in the opinion of the Board, require extraordinary assistance not available through other programs.				
Value: Up to $1,000 per semester	Students Assisted	3	5	18
	Expenditure	$ 1,365	$ 4,210	$ 16,490
Maintenance Grants				
Assistance provided to students who because of extenuating circumstances require special grant aid. In most cases these are single parents.				
Value: Up to $6,000 per academic year	Students Assisted	204	644	1,142
	Expenditure	$ 396,559	$ 1,551,591	$ 3,187,390
Alberta Educational Opportunity Equalization Grants				
Awarded to dependent students whose programs of study are not available within normal commuting distance of their parents' homes.				
Value: Up to $2,000 per academic year	Students Assisted	2,454	3,391	4,643
	Expenditure	$ 2,998,298	$ 3,871,450	$ 4,713,780
Supplemental Assistance Grants				
Awarded to undergraduate students demonstrating a need for assistance beyond the loan limit of $4,300.				
Value: Up to $2,500 per academic year	Students Assisted	875	1,642	5,142
	Expenditure	$ 684,430	$ 1,430,695	$ 4,631,026
Government of Alberta Scholarships				
Awarded to students upon the recommendation of the Minister of Advanced Education or his delegate.				
Value: Maximum of $8,000 per year plus tuition, books, and transportation costs and a $1,000 research allowance.				
	Students Assisted	19	29	22
	Expenditure	$ 52,236	$ 64,797	$ 77,783
High School Maintenance Grants				
Awarded primarily to high school students who become ineligible for social assistance benefits because they have reached eighteen years of age.				
Value: Up to $5,000	Students Assisted	184	218	674
	Expenditure	$ 289,800	$ 350,517	$ 1,034,644
Queen Elizabeth Scholarships in Canadian Studies				
Awarded to students in the final year of an undergraduate degree program which focuses primarily or uniquely on aspects of Canadian culture or problems significant to Canada.				
Value: $1,000	Students Assisted	19	19	19
	Expenditure	$ 19,000	$ 19,000	$ 19,000

Film Industry Training Grants		1980/81	1981/82	1982/83
Awarded to a) individuals already established within the film industry who wish to further develop their skills, and b) individuals who have achieved advanced status within the industry who wish to pursue further formal training. Value: a) up to $5,000 b) up to $13,000	Students Assisted	—	16	16
	Expenditure	—	$ 12,975	$ 12,142
Vocational Teacher Development Grants A return service program provided to students in the vocational teacher certification program who intend to be employed by a school board in Alberta upon graduation. Value: Up to $20,000 per academic year	Students Assisted	39	94	94
	Expenditure	$ 328,170	$ 947,752	$ 900,270
Northern Alberta Development Council Bursaries A return service program provided, primarily, to students raised in northern Alberta who will be employed in northern Alberta on completion of their studies. Value: Up to $3,500 if single Up to $5,600 if married	Students Assisted	108	162	157
	Expenditure	$ 367,970	$ 559,487	$ 571,664
Teachers of the Disabled Grants A return service program provided to students enrolled in full-time graduate programs in areas related to the teaching of disabled persons. Value: Up to $10,000	Students Assisted	—	5	12
	Expenditure	—	$ 38,543	$ 115,111
Sundry Awards	Students Assisted	3	7	7
	Expenditure	$ 9.089	$ 16,811	$ 29,600

CANADA STUDENT LOANS

CANADA STUDENT LOANS	1980/81	1981/82	1982/83
The Canada Student Loans Program was initiated by the Federal Government in 1964 in order to supplement the resources of needy students who wished to pursue their educational careers beyond the secondary level. The Students Finance Board is the designated authority for the administration of the Canada Student Loans Program in Alberta, and as such is responsible for the assessment of students' needs and the authorizing of loans under the program.			
Students Assisted	14,943	15,734	25,693
Loans Issued	$21,343,858	$29,192,845	$42,979,345

SUMMARY OF TOTAL AWARDS

	1980/81	1981/82	1982/83
Guaranteed Provincial Loans	$ 13,299,248	$ 19,172,316	$ 37,450,333
Remission Awards	8,487,314	12,743,698	23,339,624
Province of Alberta Scholarships	437,900	204,450	197,700
Province of Alberta Prizes	120,300	137,250	149,400
Graduate Scholarships and Fellowships	536,693	548,863	626,830
World College Scholarships	80,000	79,559	80,196
Banff Centre Bursaries	9,000	14,980	14,790
High School Bursaries	96,089	70,924	88,050
Adult High School Grants	3,000	5,370	9,885
Education of Servicemen's Children Bursaries	3,055	2,500	2,927
Part-Time Bursaries	12,622	32,757	125,237
Grants for Disabled Persons	1,365	4,210	16,490
Maintenance Grants	396,559	1,551,591	3,187,390
Alberta Educational Opportunity Equalization Grants	2,998,298	3,871,450	4,713,780
Supplemental Assistance Grants	684,430	1,430,695	4,631,026
Government of Alberta Scholarships	52,236	64,797	77,783
High School Maintenance Grants	289,800	350,517	1,034,644
Queen Elizabeth Scholarships in Canadian Studies	19,000	19,000	19,000
Film Industry Training Grants	—	12,975	12,142
Vocational Teacher Development Grants	328,170	947,752	900,270
Northern Alberta Development Council Bursaries	367,970	559,487	571,664
Teachers of the Disabled Grants	—	38,543	115,111
Sundry Awards	9,089	16,811	29,600
Canada Student Loans	21,343,858	29,192,845	42,979,345
Bilingual Education Program:			
Teacher Bursaries	173,118	203,479	—
Second Language Fellowships	207,515	193,110	—
Travel Bursaries	823	2,027	—
Summer Language Bursaries	406,000	371,000	—
Interprovincial Second Language Monitor Program	228,000	222,000	—
Bursary Program for Francophones	11,000	10,000	—
Francophone Monitor Program	12,000	12,000	—
TOTAL	$ 50,614,452	$ 72,086,956	$120,373,217

APPENDIX 1
GUARANTEED PROVINCIAL LOANS

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY	1980/81	1981/82	1982/83
O/S Loans — Students in School	$ 18,267,743	$ 27,237,244	$ 49,463,994
— Graduates	11,031,928	13,974,667	16,891,300
	$ 29,299,671	$ 41,211,911	$ 66,355,294
Loans Issued	$ 13,299,248	$ 19,172,316	$ 37,450,333
No. of Certificates Negotiated Through Credit Institutions	17,016	18,508	35,576
Interest Paid to Banks	$ 1,555,442	$ 2,091,537	$ 5,655,414
Bank Claims Paid	$ 834,654	$ 1,087,606	$ 1,447,610

APPENDIX 2
APPEALS ACTIVITY

A student may initiate an appeal by writing a letter to the Appeals Committee. Subsequently, a counsellor will review the situation and may adjust the award within prescribed limits.

Appeals not resolved by this process are submitted, upon the student's request, to the Appeals Committee. Students may appear before the Committee. The Committee, appointed by the Minister of Advanced Education, is comprised of members of the public and student representatives.

Appeals Processed

Year	Total	Resolved by Counsellors	Referred to the Appeals Committee
1981/82	2,492	2,463	29 (1%)
1982/83	3,597	3,561	36 (1%)

APPENDIX 3

STUDENTS FINANCE BOARD

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MARCH 31, 1983

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ALBERTA LEGISLATURE

OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the
Students Finance Board

I have examined the balance sheet of the Students Finance Board as at March 31, 1983 and the statement of operations for the year then ended. My examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests and other procedures as I considered necessary in the circumstances.

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly the financial position of the Board as at March 31, 1983 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with the disclosed basis of accounting, considered appropriate in the circumstances, as described in Note 2 to the financial statements applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

C.A.
Auditor General

Edmonton, Alberta
September 2, 1983

STUDENTS FINANCE BOARD

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT MARCH 31, 1983

	1983	1982
ASSETS		
Cash	$ 200	$ 200
Accounts receivable (Note 3)	193,333	584,958
	$ 193,533	$ 585,158
LIABILITIES		
Provincial Treasurer:		
Balance at beginning of year	$ 585,158	$ 1,474,374
Add: Contributions (Note 4)	33,548,269	20,553,261
	34,133,427	22,027,635
Deduct: Net expenditure, Statement B	33,288,689	19,763,555
Remittances	651,205	1,678,922
	33,939,894	21,442,477
Balance at end of year	$ 193,533	$ 585,158

The accompanying notes are part of these financial statements.

STUDENTS FINANCE BOARD

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1983

	1983	1982
EXPENDITURE		
Grants and bursaries	$15,385,981	$ 8,950,663
Student loan repayments (Note 5)	6,634,859	4,388,656
Interest payments on guaranteed loans	5,655,414	2,091,538
Implementation of guarantees	1,447,610	-
Provision for doubtful accounts	-	1,487,231
Fellowships and scholarships	1,217,934	1,247,028
Administration expenses, Schedule 1	3,206,471	2,654,521
	33,548,269	20,819,637
Deduct:		
Canada Student Loans Act service fee	257,614	236,726
Miscellaneous income	1,966	-
Interest income on guarantee implementations, grants and bursaries receivable	-	424,398
Bursaries and fellowships recovered from the Government of Canada	-	394,958
	259,580	1,056,082
Net expenditure	$33,288,689	$19,763,555

STUDENTS FINANCE BOARD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MARCH 31, 1983

Note 1 Authority

The Students Finance Board operates under the authority of the Students Finance Act, Chapter S-24, Revised Statutes of Alberta 1980.

Note 2 Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices

(a) General

These financial statements reflect the following operations of the Students Finance Board:

(i) Payment of grants, bursaries, fellowships and scholarships.
(ii) Issue of student loan guarantee certificates pursuant to the Students Loan Guarantee Act and the Canada Student Loans Act.
(iii) Payment of interest on student loans guaranteed pursuant to the Students Loan Guarantee Act.
(iv) Loan repayments on behalf of students.
(v) Payment of guarantee implementations.
(vi) Administration of scholarships paid from the Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund.

(b) Fixed Assets and Administration Expenses

Accommodation and basic office equipment and furnishings are provided from the General Revenue Fund of the Province of Alberta and, accordingly, are not reflected in these financial statements. Other fixed assets acquired are written off to Administration Expenses in the year of acquisition.

(c) Changes in Financial Position

A statement of changes in financial position is not provided as disclosure in these financial statements is considered to be adequate.

Note 3 Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable consist of:

	1983	1982
Government of Canada:		
Canada Student Loans Act service fee	$193,333	$190,000
Bursaries and fellowships	-	394,958
	$193,333	$584,958

Note 4 Contributions by the Province of Alberta

Contributions from the Department of Advanced Education were made from monies appropriated by the Legislature to be used to provide financial assistance to students and to pay administration expenses.

Note 5 Student Loan Repayments

The Board may repay a proportion of guaranteed loans, on behalf of the student upon satisfactory completion of the students' educational programs. It is estimated that future payments pertaining to loans outstanding as at March 31, 1983 will aggregate approximately $38,000,000 (1982 $28,000,000) of which approximately $24,000,000 (1982 $18,000,000) is applicable to loans guaranteed by the Government of Canada under the Canada Students Loan Act.

Note 6 Contingent Liability

The Province has a contingent liability with respect to loan guarantees aggregating approximately $66,000,000 (1982 $41,000,000). This contingent liability cannot exceed $100,000,000 at any given time.

Note 7 Comparative Figures

The 1982 figures have been restated where necessary to conform to 1983 presentation, and to reflect the elimination of responsibility for collection of grants and bursaries recoverable, guarantee implementation receivable and accrued interest thereon.

Note 8 Approval of Financial Statements

These financial statements were approved by management on September 2, 1983.

STUDENTS FINANCE BOARD

SCHEDULE OF ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1983

	1983	1982
Salaries and wages	$1,911,696	$1,477,668
Supplies and printing	343,239	271,656
Data processing	284,822	139,118
Employee benefits	148,799	118,871
Business services and fees	124,916	227,580
Freight and postage	105,004	63,508
Advertising	83,710	178,186
Purchase of office equipment	68,485	30,786
Telephone and communications	40,820	23,320
Travel	40,211	41,476
Rental of office equipment	38,346	28,354
Repairs and maintenance	6,980	6,189
Collection charges	-	47,627
Miscellaneous	9,443	182
	$3,206,471	$2,654,521